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R 191154Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
INFO USDOC WASHDC
SECSTATE WASHDC 4495
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, BTRA, SY
SUBJECT: GULF AND WESTERN MISSION: ADVANCE MAN TRAVEL

REF: USDOC 15622

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED REFTEL WITH TRAVEL
PLANS OF G AND 2W ADVANCE MAN MANDATO. SCHEDULE FOR SYRIAN
TOTALLY UNREALISTIC IF HE EXPECTS TO SEE ANYONE IN
DAMASCUS OUTSIDE OF EMBASSY. MANDATO TO ARRIVE VIA RB 342
FROM KUWAIT 1000 HRS AUG 24. ASSUMING FLIGHT IS ON TIME
(MOST PROBLEMATICAL) HE WILL NEED 45 MINUTES TO CLEAR
CUSTOMS AND CLAIM BAGGAGE, ANOTHER 30 MINUTES TO REACH
CITY. DURING RAMADAN, GOVERNMENT OFFICES EFFECTIVELY
CLOSE BY 1300 HRS -- THIS LEAVES LESS THAN TWO HOURS
TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS. HE PLANS TO DEPART 1130 HRS
NEXT DAY. PASSENGERS MUST BE AT AIRPORT 1 1/2-2 HOURS
EARLY FOR DEPARTURE; WITH 30 MINS NEEDED TO GET TO
AIRPORT, AND WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES (AGAIN, DURING
RAMADAN) NOT OPENING UNTIL 0900-0930, THIS SCHEDULE
PERMITS NO APPOINTMENT AUG. 25.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED: TEHRAN PLEASE ADVISE MANDATO THAT
IF HE EXPECTS TO SEE ANYONE IN DAMASCUS OTHER THAN EMBASSY
OFFICIALS, HE'S BETTER PUSH BACK HIS
DEPARTURE DATE TO AUG. 26. MISSION CONTROL OFFICER MICHAIE
DAVIS, OR IN HIS ABSENCE, ECON/COML SECTION CHIEF PATRICK
THEROS READY TO DISCUSS MISSION WITH NMANDATO.

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